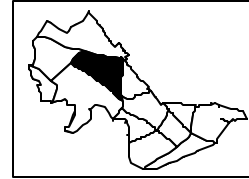


# NEIGHBORHOOD 9

## PEABODY



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

**POPULATION:** 11,169 residents  
5,208 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$36,608

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

### 2001 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

Although Peabody **housebreaks** were abundant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 1999, they were nearly eradicated in 2001, as crimes plummeted 75% since last year. A small series of housebreaks transpired on 3/8, accounting for the only 2 crimes of this nature in Peabody throughout the Quarter. On that Thursday, between 11 am and 3:30 pm, perpetrators absconded with numerous valuables after prying open doors to homes between Follen St. and Mass Ave. • **Street robberies** remained extremely low, with one incident occurring as part of an early March series, that later spilled into the Agassiz neighborhood. • Toyota Corollas and Camrys appeared to be popular among motor vehicle thieves, as Peabody's auto **theft** count sprung up a mere 8%. Recoveries were made in Natick, Cambridge, Chelsea, and parts of Boston. • **Malicious destruction of property** crimes nearly doubled, due in part to major series of graffiti incidents targeting business and residential buildings between #33-75 Richdale Ave., as well as neighboring homes and offices. Primarily, these incidents occurred on weekend nights after 8:00 pm, and involved "taggings" of various colors, designs, and letters. As for Peabody **drug activity**, the month of February witnessed 3 separate incidents: 1 near overdose and 2 possession arrests. Two hypodermic needles, a bag of marijuana, and packaging materials were seized.

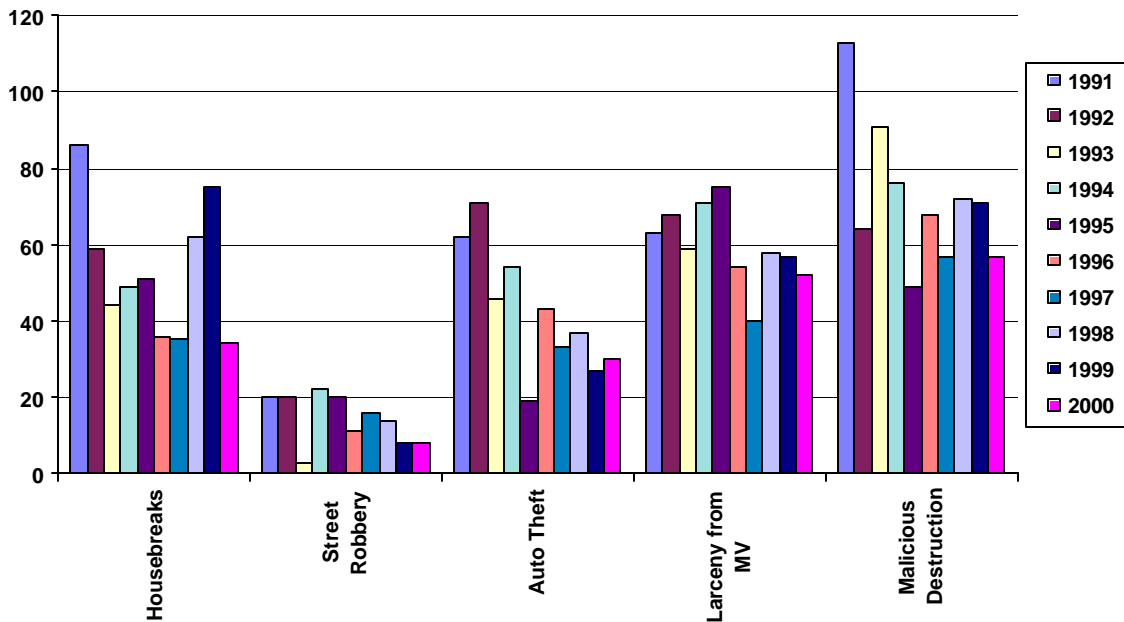
### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2000	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	8	2	-75%
Street Robbery	0	1	<i>Inc.</i>
Auto Theft	12	13	+8%
Larceny from MVs	11	12	+9%
Malicious Destruction	10	19	+90%
Drug Arrests	0	3	<i>Inc.</i>

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residents include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way) and hundreds of single and double family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Also contained within its borders are Radcliffe College. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use** to **robbery** to **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished such occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Avenue and Upland Road. This year, clusters returned to that region, though the crime has radically declined in other sections of the neighborhood.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles**, though low in this neighborhood, show concentrations on Richdale Avenue and in the triangle formed by Massachusetts Avenue, Upland Road, and Avon Street.
- Drug activity and juvenile crime have long been concerns in the Walden Square area. The Narcotics and Juvenile Units began targeting these areas in 1993 and have almost eliminated the patterns.



### ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	150	3	53	5	5
Street Robbery	21	6	14	8	8
Auto Theft	94	8	43	7	8
Larceny from MVs	74	8	60	7	6
Malicious Destruction	135	2	73	9	9

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest